

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs.

The woolen factory of Mr. Dittie, at Blair and Norris streets, took fire last evening, and damage was done to the extent of \$1000. The fire originated from the furnace.

Last evening a carriage, containing two men, was wrecked near Twelfth and Chesnut streets, in consequence of the horses running away. The riders escaped without injury.

The strike among the journeymen in the mercantile manufacturing in this city is virtually ended, most of the workmen having gone to work at the old rate of wages.

Last night a man attempted suicide in the Montgomery House, Sixth street, near Willow. He drew a revolver, and presenting it to his forehead, threatened to put an end to himself. A boarder prevented him from accomplishing his purpose, by knocking the weapon out of his hand.

A well-dressed man, representing himself to be the Rev. Richard Allen, called on Monday at the coal yard of C. R. Miller, and ordered several tons of coal, promising to pay in a check on the First National Bank for twenty-five dollars. As the coal cost only \$2.50, he received the coal, and the check was not cashed. It proved to be worthless. He is represented to be about 30 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and to have a smooth face and light complexion.

James Dix, who was arrested ten days ago on the charge of entering the office of Revenue Assessor of Surrogate with intent to steal, was yesterday charged before Alderman Kerr with the charge of house robbery. It is alleged that he broke into the office of John P. Goffinger, No. 521 Chesnut street on the 6th of February, and stole a lot of clothing and other articles. A revolver which had been pawned by the defendant at Goffinger's office, was identified by Mr. Goffinger. The accused was held to answer both charges.

A young man, who gave the name of Andrew S. Mintz, was arrested yesterday on the charge of having entered the house of Mr. Smith, No. 1732 New Third street, with intent to steal. He was found with a large quantity of stolen goods. Mr. Smith testified before Alderman Kerr that, upon a noise being heard in the upper part of the house, he went on stairs and met on the stairs the defendant, who pretended he was going to the bathroom. He then saw him go up stairs to find the occupants of a house before they took into the lower rooms. Mintz was taken into custody. Mrs. Stahl, residing at No. 1732 New Third street, testified that she found the defendant in her house, a week ago, when the bureau drawers were ransacked. Mintz was held to answer both charges.

Fire Marshal Blackburn yesterday arrested nine lads, whose ages range from five to ten years, on the charge of setting fire to some property in the lower part of the city. The lads belong to two rival gangs, known as the Skyrockets and Nigger-towners, and their older brothers are also connected with these companies. The object of the charges, it appears, was to create an alarm to call out the companies, and thus create a riot. The lads were marched before the Mayor, who reminded them sharply, after which their parents were held to bail for the future behavior of their children.

Last evening a meeting of druggists, pharmacists, and chemists was held in the hall of the College of Pharmacy, to consider the bill before the Legislature for the purpose of preventing the adulteration and sophistication of drugs. Mr. Robert Shesmer presided. Mr. Edward Parrish submitted to the meeting a bill to be presented to the Legislature, in lieu of the one now before it. It provides that all retail dealers in medicine and poisons shall be registered pharmacists. To be eligible to be registered all must be either graduates of pharmacy-practising or assistant practising pharmacists, or holders of a diploma of the act, applicants must be examined by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. The bill further provides for the appointment of a register by the Governor, who shall keep a record and list of those registered, and shall issue licenses. All poisons must be properly labelled, and none shall be sold by country dealers unless by special license from the register, unless sold in the original package, bearing the label and name of the wholesale dealer. A discussion then ensued as to the merits of the bill, whereupon Mr. Parrish offered a series of resolutions in support of the same. They were unanimously adopted. A resolution that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the State and county medical associations and the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

Domestic Affairs.

—Gold closed yesterday at 131.

—Republican majority in New Hampshire, 376.

—Smythe & Edmonson, of Montreal, have failed for \$125,000.

—Hon. William J. Albert, it is thought, will be appointed Collector of the Port at Baltimore.

—Several of the clerks of the department at Washington are expected to be dismissed.

—William Morrell, suit last Friday night, near Newark, N. J., by a hotel-keeper, died yesterday.

—Commissioner Delano is overruled with hungry persons anxious to collect the revenue for the country.

—General Custer, according to a St. Louis despatch, has been captured, it is supposed by the Indians.

—The steamer Ruth, burned on Monday, on the lower Mississippi, cost in 1865 \$200,000. Her cargo was valued at \$130,000.

—A. M. H. Taylor, known as the Toronto "Barley King," has left for parts unknown, leaving behind unsettled accounts to heavy creditors.

—Captain George W. Russell, long a popular captain in connection with the Bay Line of steamers from Baltimore to Norfolk, died yesterday, in the 68th year of his age.

—In the Georgia House of Representatives yesterday, the fifteenth amendment passed, Yeas, 54; nays, 46. In the Senate, it was made the special order for to-day.

—Captain Richard B. Fitzgerald, Sr., partner of the well-known firm of Fitzgerald, Booth & Co., of Baltimore, died on Sunday night, aged 62. He was founder of the house, which for many years has been engaged in a large South Pacific trade.

Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, March 16.—In the House of Commons, the Mayor of Dublin appeared at the bar, and presented petitions praying for religious equality in Ireland, and amnesty and pardon for all Fenians.

In reply to a question from Mr. Torrens, the House was informed by Mr. Oway, Under Secretary of the Foreign Office, that the Government would soon bring in a bill establishing a uniform and permanent law of extradition.

MADRID, March 16.—In the Cortes yesterday, a motion was made by a Republican, that the Cortes take ground in favor of legalizing civil marriages, and several Republicans spoke in support of it. At the conclusion of the debate, it was announced that the Government intended to introduce a bill on the subject.

A discussion concerning the conscription, and the recent popular demonstrations against it.

Ministers Sagasta, Topete, and Prim accused Ornes and Pineda of making speeches to the people on Sunday last, subversive of the government.

Ornes was charged with inciting the people to oppose the authority of the Cortes, and Pineda was accused of exhorting the soldiers to disobey their officers. A violent scene ensued in the Cortes, and the ex-patriation of parties rendered discussion impracticable, and, after a few words from Deputy Figueroa, pleading the Republican party, whatever its political sentiments might be, to submit to the laws of the Government, the subject was dropped, and soon after the sitting was adjourned.

LOULON, March 16.—By orders received from Paris, all soldiers and sailors who were recruited in 1863 have been discharged from the military and naval service.

CALVERSON, March 16.—From the Brownsville *Ranchero* of March 7 we get advice from Matamoros to March 8. A courier had just arrived bringing news of the defeat of Vargas, who, in his blind confidence, dared to attack Mackinac's position at Jaxco. After a fight of two hours Vargas shamefully retreated into

the woods, leaving the field covered with his dead. General Cortes pursued him vigorously, and when the courier left, Vargas had been completely defeated. The State of Tamaulipas will now enjoy peace, security, and order, which have been so long interrupted. Governor Bustamante entered San Luis Potosi on the 13th ult., amid great rejoicings.

HAVANA, March 16.—The following news has been received from Mexico:—Colonel Meyer, formerly of the United States army, was arrested on a charge of attempting to carry over his regiment to the rebel General Negrete.

Many officers who acted under Negrete have been captured and sent to Mexico.

Frequent arrests are made in the city of Mexico of persons alleged to be implicated in revolutionary plots.

Wealthy capitalists, representing millions of property, are emigrating from the country.

MEXICO, March 8.—The rebel General Negrete has not been heard of since his flight.

The local courts of Potosi had conceded protection to Governor Bustamante.

A clash in Zacatecas took place between the troops of the 8th regiment, and destroyed, and one hundred persons were killed in the ruins.

Aureliano Rivero was killed in a duel with Governor Garcia, and the latter has resigned.

General Negrete, Governor of Yucatan, is dead.

HAVANA, March 16.—The insurgents in the neighborhood of Sagua number fifteen hundred, under command of an American named Rudolph Pole, formerly in the Confederate service, and a local chief in the mercantile house of Bishop, in Calabazal.

Advices from the interior represent the troops advancing against the rebels in every direction.

The Government officers are working hard to re-establish communication between Nuevitas and Puerto Principe.

Skirmishes have taken place at Boca, near Nuevitas, and two nights within forty-eight hours are reported, in one of which, according to the troops, rebels are reported in various places, but no serious engagement seems to have taken place.

The *Diario* says the wealthy planters and merchants are dissatisfied with the abolition proclamation issued by the insurgents in the Central Department.

A steam transport has arrived from Barcelona with 1100 Spanish troops.

There is great military activity in the Central and Eastern Departments. Skirmishes between the troops and rebels are reported in various places, but no serious engagement seems to have taken place.

Smile, steamship, Bavaria, for Southampton; also, Yacoz, for Philadelphia; and arrived, steamship Cuba, from Baltimore.

Sugar quiet. No. 12 D. S. 8 1/2 @ 9 reals. Exchange steady and unchangeable.

Military Orders.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 18.—HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16, 1869.

By direction of the President of the United States the following changes are made in military divisions and department commands:

1. Lieutenant-General P. H. Sheridan is assigned to the command of the Military Division of the Missouri.

2. Major-General H. W. Halleck is assigned to the command of the Military Division of the South, to be composed of the Departments of the South and Louisiana, of the Fourth Military District, and of the States comprising the present Department of the Cumberland. Headquarters at Louisville, Ky.

3. Major-General Halleck will proceed to his new command as soon as relieved by Major-General Thomas, who is assigned to command the Military Division of the Pacific.

4. Major-General J. M. Schofield is assigned to command the Department of the Missouri. The State of Illinois and the post of Fort Smith, Ark., are transferred to this post.

5. Brigadier and Brevet Major-General O. O. Howard is assigned to the Department of Louisiana, and until his arrival the senior officer, Brevet Major-General J. A. Mower, will command, according to his brevet rank of Major-General.

6. The Department of Washington will be discontinued, and merged in the Department of the East. The records will be sent to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

7. The First Military District will be added to the Military Division of the Atlantic.

8. As soon as Major-General Thomas is ready to relinquish command of the Department of the Cumberland, the department will be discontinued, and the States composing it will be added to other departments to be hereafter designated. The records will be forwarded to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

By command of General Sherman.

The Gettysburg Lottery.

Says a Harrisburg special telegram of yesterday:

The celebrated Gettysburg lottery affair was finally disposed of to-day, before Judge Pearson.

It will be recalled that the Legislature having, in 1867, incorporated the Gettysburg Soldiers' Orphan Asylum, with power to engage in a lottery scheme, the Attorney-General, General Bickel, issued a writ, and a *qu warrant* issued to arrest the proceedings and stop the lottery, after the scheme had been published and tickets offered for sale. The bonus to be paid the Commonwealth was fixed in the act of incorporation at \$100,000.

This bonus was raised in the following manner:—One Mr. Smith, in New York, gave his check to Messrs R. France, P. A. Edgerton, and Samuel Diehl, of Philadelphia, for the amount, who indorsed it. Horatio G. Siegel, a Treasurer of the Gettysburg Asylum Corporation, who in turn presented it to State Treasurer Kemble, who refused to receive the same, acting under the advice of Attorney-General Brewster, who deemed the charter of the corporation unconstitutional. The writ of *qu warrant* was never argued, and in 1868 the charter of the Asylum was repealed; but to the meantime several suits were brought against Horatio Siegel, one of which was successful, the sum required for his bond being \$8500, whereupon, to avoid further responsibility, General Bickel deposited the money in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin county. But the act of 1868 required the money to be placed in the hands of the Commonwealth.

Messrs France, Edgerton, and Diehl then brought suit in this court for the money, to make good their responsibility to Mr. Smith, whose check they indorsed. The Commonwealth followed suit in possession. The court this afternoon rendered a decision for France, Edgerton, and Diehl.

A River Under the Rocky Mountains.

CURIOUS LETTER FROM GEORGE CATLIN.

Trinbren's Record contains the following letter from Mr. Catlin:—

"Mr. Catlin, the American ethnologist, whose extensive travels have led him through the wildest and rudest scenery of America, has turned his attention for several years past from the Indians to rocks, and has made in these studies voyages to the Rocky Mountains, to the Rocky Mountains, the Andes, and the Antilles, the results of which he is preparing to publish in a work entitled 'The Life and Subside Rocks of America, with their Influences on the Oceanic, Atmospheric, and Land Currents.' And one of the striking features of this book seems to be, to quote his own words, 'the discovery of a river under the Rocky Mountains many times larger than the Mississippi, its course nearly twice the Mississippi's length, and gliding through the clear and vast rocky valleys of the upland mountains without the loss of a single drop of water, and solar evaporation which diminishes valley rivers, it takes along in its course the melting streams and lakes of the mountains of Mexico, and with them, perhaps by a hundred mouths in its deep bed, debouches unseen into the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico.'

"The frequent 'Montagnes qui fument,' 'Roches qui tremblent,' and 'Blowing Caves' which occur in the Rocky Mountain range (he says) indicate subterranean cascades, caused

by the waters of melting snows, of rains, of glaciers, and a thousand sinking rivers and lakes, which, amongst broken up and angular rocks, are on their way to the ocean level.

"Through the vast and heated vaults underneath the Andes, I contemplate a similar river, running from the thirtieth degree of south latitude to the north, and carrying their overflowing waters also to the Caribbean Sea.

"The Antilles, now partially sunk in the ocean, are but a chain of mountain tops which, six thousand years ago, stood up in their grandeur, a part and, probably, the glory of the Andes; and at that date the two mighty subterranean rivers, meeting and debouching together into the ocean, east or north of the Antilles, combined with extraordinary volcanic influences, undermined the Antilles chain, which went down into the cataclysm well established in Indian traditions, which I have gathered both in North and South America, and also by unimpeachable records on the rocks themselves—by shapes and grooves left in the giant walls at Caracas and Santa Martha, on the coast of Venezuela, where this mighty chain was broken; records which I have twice seen, which may be read by all ages to come, and which are not myths or fables.

"In this tremendous catastrophe, probably the most stupendous that ever took place on the surface of the globe, the peninsula of Yucatan, with its splendid Aztec cities, sank, and since has partially risen, leaving the two grand sunken estuaries, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, into which the two subterranean rivers, from the constant overflow of their vast channels under the mountains, now open to the sea, and their waters, heated by the volcanic furnaces they have passed. By the joint influx of these rivers into the Caribbean Sea, its western surface is elevated several feet above the level of the ocean; and pouring into the Gulf of Mexico, sweeping its western coast, and taking in its way the waters of Rio del Norte and the Mississippi, this vast flood debouches with them into the Atlantic, at the Florida Cape, and there becomes the Gulf Stream, until now one of the mooted puzzles of the world."

"GEORGE CATLIN."

—Mme. Vauges, *La Reine des Halles* (Queen of the Markets), in Paris, is worth half a million francs, but is daily at her stall.

—Nevada has a million and a quarter mulberry trees—food for worms.

MARINE TELEGRAPH.

For additional Marine News see First Page.

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